

## **Danny Merck**

Danny Merck, Assistant Superintendent for Administration with Pickens County School District, was appointed to serve as the House Education and Public Works Committee's education representative to the EOC. The appointment was made by Representative Phil Owens, Chairman of the House committee. Merck fills the expired term of Dr. Kristi Woodall. A classroom teacher for nine years, Merck served as Principal of Pendleton High School from 2005-2009. He also served as Assistant Principal of Easley High School from 2000 to 2005. Merck received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wofford College, where he lettered in college football and basketball. He received a Masters in Secondary and Elementary Administration from Converse College and

a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Miami, Florida. Merck has also earned his Superintendent Certification from Clemson University. An outdoor enthusiast, Merck enjoys trout fishing and deer hunting in addition to reading and exercising. He is a member and Deacon at Norris First Baptist Church. He and his wife Suzanne have four children. "It is a privilege to serve on the EOC as we work together to improve education in South Carolina," stated Merck.